

ELOQUENT PLEAS MADE BY WOMEN

Committee Hears Arguments as
to Question of Granting
Laymen's Rights.

VANDERBILT MATTER UP

Conference Sustains Report Con-
cerning Change in Church
Discipline.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Asheville, N. C., May 9.—It is not
impossible that the conference of the
Methodist Episcopal Church, South,
heard the eloquent pleas made before
the committee on revisals this evening
the women would have won their
plea for laymen's rights.

The committee had announced that
it would hear arguments for and
against the memorials that have been
presented. The chairman of the com-
mittee, Dr. E. W. Alderson, of the
Texas Conference, asked if the women
had any plans to offer for the hearing.
In answer, Mrs. MacDonald, secretary
of the board of foreign missions, stepped
forward and announced that Mrs.
Luke Johnson would open for the pe-
titioners. Mrs. Johnson made a stirring
plea for the women. She declared that
for centuries women had been gaining
their rights, and that it remained for
the church to be the one institution that
stood in the way. "We do not ask for
office or position," she said. "All we
ask is a larger place in the service
of God."

What is the matter with us? Why
cannot we have what we ask? Is it
because we are women, because we are
your wives, your mothers, your sis-
ters, your loved ones? Does all this
make us unworthy to stand by your
side, and discuss the great questions
of our church?

Mrs. Johnson was followed by Miss
Head, prominent in the Women's For-
eign Mission Society, who declared that
in many places women were serving
as stewards illegally, because there
were no men competent to do the work
and that the church was putting these
women in the position of church law-
breakers. She asked that if for only
this one reason the church make such
work legal.

Miss Belle Bennett, president of the
Women's Home Mission Society, closed
for the petitioners.

The committee then went into exe-
cutive session. Its findings will be re-
ported to the conference later.

Busy Day for Conference.
The busiest day in this session so
far was today, and the action taken
regarding the petitioners, and the
report of the committee on revisals
will go down in history as an action
which is the forerunner of a radical
change in the government of the
church regarding the election of stewards
in the pastoral charges. Bishop
Henry C. Morrison presided.

The report of the committee on re-
visals was presented by Rev. W. A.
Christian, of the Virginia Conference,
secretary of the committee. The re-
port recommended non-concurrence in
the memorial requesting a change in
the discipline of the church, and the
election of the stewards by the church
conference instead of by the quarterly
conference as at present.

Frank Richardson, of the Holston
conference, immediately offered a
substitute to the report, recommending
that upon the nomination of the pas-
tor, the church conference elect the
stewards. Dr. Richardson argued that
the relation between the membership
of the church to the government of
the church is now too remote, and that
it involves the old question of tax-
ation without representation.

Rev. C. H. Briggs, D. D., opposed the
substitute, and said if the church
changed its law in this respect, it was
more representative form, he was in
favor of going the whole length, and
changing all of it.

Among the prominent laymen who
favored the substitute were W. B.
Stubbs and George Thornburg. The
present method of electing stewards,
Mr. Stubbs said, was on a basis that
was lacking in confidence in the part
of the ministers for the laymen, and
he pleaded for more confidence here.
Mr. Thornburg said there is no effort
being made to array ministers and
laymen against each other in the sub-
stitute, but simply a desire to a transfer
of confidence.

Rev. J. E. Alderson and Dr. Chris-
tian spoke in support of the report of
the committee, arguing that no
more important subject will come be-
fore the conference than this. Dr.
Christian said that the law now in
force had been tried for years, and that
he had not been wanting, and that he
was in favor of applying the scripture
in this case, which says: "Hold fast
that which is good."

The argument was lengthy and ani-
mated, and when the vote was taken
the report of the committee was sus-
tained.

Japanese Ministers Introduced.
Three prominent Japanese ministers
were introduced—Bishop Y. Honda,
Rev. M. Hori and Rev. Y. Tamaka. Mr.
Hori as fraternal messenger to this
conference from Japan, while Mr.
Honda is bishop of United Methodistism
in Japan.

Report No. 10 of the committee on
apostasy was submitted, in which the
appeal of Rev. C. W. Gow, of the Mis-
souri Conference, was recommended to
the conference for a new trial.

Vanderbilt Matter Discussed.
This afternoon in an open meeting
of the committee on education the
Vanderbilt matter was thoroughly re-
presented by Bishop E. R. Hendrix and
Chancellor James H. Kirkland in sup-
port of the present relation of the uni-
versity to the church, and the relation
of the bishops to the board of
trust.

Bishop E. E. Hoss spoke on the
other side, and his counsel, F. N. Biggs,
also spoke briefly on the subject. The
question was not discussed by the
committee, the discussion and decision
being deferred until another meeting.

The greatest interest is attached to
the report of the committee on this
subject.

The question at issue is whether the
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The report will probably be adopted with-
out debate.

Beautiful Hair Comes With Dry Shampooing

(From Woman's National Journal.)

Dry shampooing always has been and
always will be popular with the wo-
man who takes pride in long, abun-
dant and glossy hair. The dry sham-
poo does away with so much of the
inconvenience and bother accompan-
ying washing the hair—eliminates the
long drying hours and abolishes the
danger of catching cold—indeed, is so
all-around satisfactory that one won-
ders why soap and water, eggs, etc., can
find any followers whatever.

Dry shampoos certainly stimulate the
growth of the hair. There can be no
doubt as to that. Just mix four ounces
of powdered orris root with four ounces
of ether, sprinkle a tablespoon of this
mixture upon the head, brush the pow-
der well through the hair; do this two
or three times a week for a while and
see the results for yourself. This will
keep your hair light and fluffy, and
beautify it without the use of any of
the irritating of the scalp that causes hair
to become streaked, dull, colorless,
coarse and brittle.—Adv.

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WANTS NO PROBE OF SUGAR FRAUDS

Taft Tells House Who It Is Not
Desired at This
Time.

Washington, D. C., May 9.—President
Taft sent a special message to the
House of Representatives to-day to tell
him if he considers a congressional in-
vestigation of the sugar frauds, at the
customs service inexpedient. It is
because "a congressional investigation
at this time would embarrass the
executive department in the contin-
uation and completion of the investi-
gation of the Delagoes, and other offices
of the customs service."

The President's reply was to a
resolution passed in the House on
April 14, calling upon him to state
his reasons for not wishing a con-
gressional investigation of the sugar
frauds, at the customs service, at the
opening of the session.

I making his answer, the President
did not lose an opportunity to tell the
House when a congressional investi-
gation was necessary. He says in part:

"The report of the Secretary of the
Treasury and the Attorney-General
show beyond question the utmost
vigilance and effectiveness in the in-
vestigation and prosecution of the
frauds, and the achieving of excep-
tional results in the recovery of
moneys of which the government had
been defrauded; the indictment of
participants in the frauds, and the
reformation of the customs service,
with a view to the prevention of such
frauds in the future."

At the Jefferson yesterday one of the
most striking military figures was
that of Colonel John Franklin Tem-
pleton, of Waynesboro, a member of
the Governor's staff. Colonel Temple-
ton is one of the members of the
House of Delegates from Augusta
county, this being his first visit to
Richmond since the adjournment of
the Legislature.

Virginians at the Hotels.
Lexington—H. H. Bell, Raphine; J. C.
Gregory, Glendon; John H. Cochrane,
S. L. Tucker, High Point; O. H.
Perry, Norfolk; M. R. Coleman, Peters-
burg; W. T. Meherrin, Staunton.

Murphy—John T. Cowan, Montgom-
ery county; J. J. Sheehan, Roanoke; A.
J. Desmond, Lynchburg; J. C. Heard,
Richmond; R. G. Gaston, Norfolk;
J. Henry Wickham, Beaver Dam; Mrs.
H. L. Finlayson, Norfolk; M. Kill-
ham, Miss Rosalie Whaley, Miss Lo-
retta Whaley, John Croftman, Daniel
Cummins, Staunton; J. B. Chamberlin,
Winchester; George W. Watson, Pe-
tersburg; Norman Harrison, Peters-
burg; J. O'Brien, Lynchburg; J. L.
Ryan, Lynchburg; William W. Old, Jr.,
Norfolk; E. C. Potter, Norfolk; Mr. and
Mrs. Joan A. Balcher, Norfolk; Mr. and
Mrs. M. J. Murphy, Norfolk; Richard J.
Davis, Norfolk; Thomas Johnson, Nor-
folk; Thomas H. Harrison, Norfolk; A. P.
Norden, Alexandria; Dr. W. H. Har-
grett, Alexandria; Charles T. Hell-
muth, Alexandria; W. G. Dillard,
Spotsylvania; L. F. Deekens, Staunton.

Richmond—D. T. Dashiell, Norfolk;
Charles Hine, Vienna; Charles E. Con-
rad, Harrisonburg; William M. Martin,
Richmond; R. G. Gaston, Norfolk;
H. J. Joseph, W. Seward, Miss
Annie B. Seward, Petersburg; Mr. and
Mrs. G. C. Wright, Petersburg; Mr.
and Mrs. J. G. Howard, Surrey; T. G.
Gray, Norfolk; Ben F. Masengill, Nor-
folk.

AMUSEMENTS
Academy of Music—"The Cowboy
and the Lady."
Bijou—Vaudeville.

The Audience—And a Play.
It would be most unfair for one to
attempt to analyze the work of the
Benjamin Players in "The Cowboy
and the Lady," after having seen only
last night's performance of that fam-
ous comedy.

The boxes and several rows of seats
were filled by the visiting soldiery of
Connecticut and Rhode Island and
their hosts, the Benjamin Players, and
the audience was a most happy and
pleasant of moods, all friendly and kind-
ly, and deeply imbued with the idea that
they were perfectly at liberty to join
in the performance, to interpolate
lines, and to add generally to the gaiety
of the nations. Even Kate Claxton and
that wonderful all-star cast could have
been no more than a part of the in-
teresting and humorous "The Orphan's
house as that."

No one could take the performance
seriously during such a college boy
night. For instance, a half-breed a
dangerous and sullen brute called Jim
(well played, by the way, by F. J. Rich-
ardson) was ordered by his sweet-
heart to "get off that chair," and then
to "get off that table, Jim," and as he
slunk away, a sympathetic voice from
a box called out, "You're in
wrong, Jim, old boy."

The sheriff lounged into the room
and asked, "What's on the box?" and
friendly "Good Guard inquired, "Can't
you buy a drink, boy?"

Of course, the performance was rag-
ged in many places, and much must be
forgotten on account of the house, but
I think the piece is too heavy for the
company, and that the Benjamin Players
did not get into his part again he
played too lightly. Ervin Blunk and
Lydia Knott got a good deal of com-
edy out of their lines; Herbert Curtis
gave a good performance as the sheriff
and later as the judge; Robert
Curtis, who played a desirable
dumb cowboy, and Catharine Carter
was attractive as Mrs. Weston, but
there was little to commend in the
work of the rest of the company. A
new-comer, Howard Kendall, was poor
as Mr. Weston, though his work was
counterbalanced by that of another
new-comer, Schuyler, who played
well the small part of Pete.

After all, however, about half of
the success of a performance lies in
the audience, and it may be that the
company will play more satisfactorily
to a quiet house.

Bijou's Big Opening.
The Bijou Theatre had an opening
last night, with its new policy of
vaudeville, new era pictures and po-
vities that must have been gratifying
to the management. Coming here prac-
tically a new company, the Bijou The-
atre Company people took advan-
tage of live advertising methods, deliv-
ered the goods and played yesterday
to the largest audiences that have ever
assembled in a vaudeville theatre in
Richmond. Something like 6,000 people
started at 3 o'clock the doors at the
five shows yesterday.

As early as 1:45 o'clock yesterday
afternoon, there were prospective
ticket-buyers in the lobby. By 2:30
o'clock there was a long line down
the street, and when the show started
at 3 o'clock the house was packed
and many people were waiting for
the second show, which also was
witnessed by a capacity audience. Last
night the line of buyers in front of
this house at 7 o'clock, when the doors
opened, was almost down to Eleventh
Street, and when the show started a
half-hour later, the increase had been
so great that the theatre was packed
and even then there were several hun-
dred people in line waiting for the
second show. The same condition ex-
isted when the doors opened for the
third show.

Barring some rearrangement of the
program in the afternoon, owing to
the fact that the new drop-proof pic-
ture machine and the illustrated song
dissolver did not arrive until several
hours before the show started, the
large audiences enjoyed every feature
of the bill. To-day all of the rough
sports will be ironed out.

The McDonald Trio of ex-celling mar-
vels made good the distinction that
has been given them, and there are two
just about the best bicycle exhibition
offered here. They were a tremendous
hit every show.

Tom Ripley, the Kentucky lad, is a
real minstrel man, and his patter, songs
and parodies were a scream. He, too,
was a hit. Jewell Kelly & Co. put
on a corking good comedy sketch, in
which they have a lot of laughs and
some very funny situations.

"The Pathé film de art, 'Othello,' and
the biograph film, 'Up a Tree,' pre-
sented here for the first time, scored
well. The show is one to please the
best people of all classes.

Sunday-School Convention to Meet.
Special to The Times-Dispatch.
Fredericksburg, Va., May 9.—The
Northern Neck Sunday-school con-
vention will meet at Coan Baptist Church
in Northampton county, May 25 and
26. The annual sermon will be
preached by Rev. William Habel, of
Northampton county. The speak-
ers will be C. A. Gardner, C. A. Hill, John
L. Beale and Rev. S. P. De Vaul.

Continues to Hold His Own
Senator Daniel Spends Good Day, and
Little Less Delirious.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Lynchburg, Va., May 9.—Dr. Daniel's
bulletin concerning his condition
at 9 o'clock to-night is as
follows:

"Senator Daniel has had a good day
to-day. He was rather restless last
night."

South Richmond Bureau.
The Times-Dispatch, 1103 Hull Street,
Richmond, Va., May 9.—

Several hundred Eagles, representing
every town of any size in the State,
will fly to South Richmond to-day and
to-morrow to attend the annual con-
vention of the State Aerie. The
tenting of the State Aerie, of San
Francisco, will be held May 11
and 12. The stores are decorated
in honor of the visitors, and those
people who are arranging for the occa-
sion will do everything to make it
a big week.

The efforts of the committee to have
Grand Visiting President Frank E. Her-
ring, of St. Louis, head of the Grand
Aerie, present were not successful.

E. R. Fuller, deputy grand presi-
dent, will be the chief orator of the
convention.

D. L. Toney, Thomas Smith, Jno. W.
Moore and H. Blankenship compose
the committee in charge.

High School Honor Roll.
The honor roll of the South Rich-
mond High School for the month of
April is as follows:

1. Clara Lumpkin, Annie Bolling
Ingram, Louise Gwynn, Stanley
Hatcher, Old Walthall, Clarence Fry.

One-Sided Game.
The Manchester Eagles were de-
feated in a